

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is for an RCE of parent patent application serial no. 09/421,806, filed on October 20, 1999. A Notice of Allowance dated December 28, 2004 was received for pending claims 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, and 34.

In this amendment, claims 44-47 have been added. Claims 44, 45, 46, and 47 were previously presented as claims 17, 18, 35, and 36, respectively. Claims 44 and 45 depend upon allowed independent claim 16. Claims 46 and 47 depend upon allowed independent claim 34. Thus, Applicant submits that claims 44-47 are also allowable because they depend upon allowable base claims.

Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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